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REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, December 1, 2010, 3:10 p.m.
BARGE 412
Minutes

Senators: All senators or their alternates were present except: John Alsoszatai-Petheo, James Avey, Virginia Bennett, Tom Cottrell, Susan Donahoe, Ralf Greenwald, Susan Kaspari, Boris Kovalerchuk, David Rawlinson, Stephen Robison, Janet Spybrook, Steve Wagner, Kathy Whitcomb and Matthew Wilson.

Visitors: Dave Darda, Sheryl Grunden, Roy Savoian, Marji Morgan, Kirk Johnson and Patricia Cutright.

CHANGES TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made to move the Academic Calendar discussion after chairs report and add Evaluation and Assessment report. Motion was seconded and approved.

MOTION NO. 10-09(Approved as amended): APPROVAL OF MINUTES of October 6, 2010

COMMUNICATION – Memo from Career Services regarding Extreme Entrepreneur Tour. Memo may be viewed in the Faculty Senate Office.

PRESIDENT: The bonding proposal for Barto Hall was approved two weeks ago. Demolition should start around December 10th with construction starting in the spring. The Board of Trustees will be meeting on Friday, December 3rd at 1:00 p.m. The new legislative session will begin in January and there is new leadership on the Higher Education committee. Linda Schactler's office will have more timely legislative updates this session. They are currently setting up a website that will post information in a blog format. The picture in Olympia does not look good. The university is trying to not react over the size of the numbers coming out of Olympia. As Central's budget has changed and we are currently funded approximately 37% from the state and 63% from tuition, the cuts will be from 37% state side and not as significant as they once were when the university received a higher percentage of state funding.

PROVOST: Provost thanked the Dean's that were in attendance at the Senate meeting. The Provost will be attending the state Provost meeting tomorrow. Michael Jackson asked the Provost about the departments will know about the tuition waivers. The Provost is working on revamping the committee and is currently working on that as well as the needed policy language changes. The Provost indicated he is hoping to change the structure of some waivers and have some multi-year commitments to students as long as they maintain progress towards a degree and maintain good academic standing.

OLD BUSINESS - None

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

SENATE COMMITTEES:

Faculty Legislative Representative: Matt reported that the Council of Faculty Representatives (CFR) have met several times in Olympia to get ready for the legislative session. There will not be a lot of flexibility regarding budget this year. The Governor would like to get higher education institutions to 60% funding of the global fund states; however, that will not happen this year. If the legislature cannot do things financially, the focus will be on other things. The National Governors' assessment program is being talked about. This is looking at the metrics of how many degrees an institution is being offered and what the retention rate is in those degrees. CFR will be lobbying to reduce the impact of this program. There is also a concern about the difficulty students have transferring between institutions and the transfer of credits, especially between community colleges and four year institutions. Another concern is time to degree issues. We need to work on how to get a student out in 4-4-1/2 years. There is talk about Washington without Walls which would be a virtual college made up on all the Washington higher education institutions. There would be no physical building and the degree would not be awarded by one institution; however, a student could take courses from any institution to make up this degree.

Executive Committee:

Motion No. 10-10(Approved): "Ratification of 2010-11 Faculty Senate committee vacancies as attached in Exhibit A."

Academic Calendar Discussion – Chair Bransdorfer started the discussion with a brief overview of the

process the Academic Calendar goes through each year. This year the Executive Committee decided not to approve it, before bringing the discussion to the full Senate. One of the concerns is the use of the Monday of finals week. It was originally begun as a pilot program and not a permanent part of the calendar. However, now it has become a quarterly process that is used effectively by some colleges and departments but not by others. Senator Kerms asked what is the purpose of faculty development day? Chair Bransdorfer indicated it was started as a time to help faculty to receive training or education on different topics. Senator Čuljak expressed the concern that the Monday before finals is not a good time for most faculty. The day has moved from training and education to a day that administration use to communicate information. Senator Snedeker said he recollected that this day was originally student driven as a study day and the faculty development part was developed later. It was suggested by several faculty that faculty development should be spread throughout the quarter. Dean Savoian indicated that the College of Business uses the development days as a follow-up to Fall Faculty day. Dean Morgan said the College of Arts and Humanities takes faculty develop days seriously, but does not link it to Fall faculty day. Some departments do retreats. She speaks with department chairs to come up with topics for the college faculty development day. They had about 70 faculty attend a workshop on grant writing a few year ago. Senator Čuljak requested that senators send questions or issues with the academic calendar to the Senate office for the Executive Committee's discussion. Chair Bransdorfer indicated this discussion would be continued at future Senate meetings.

Academic Affairs Committee: No report

Bylaw and Academic Code Committee: No report

Curriculum Committee: No report

Evaluation and Assessment: Senator Snedeker reported the committee met and reviewed their charges. The committee will meet weekly during winter quarter. Primary activity will be the academic administrators' assessment.

SEOI Task Force: The two SEOI forms from the last Senate meeting were approved by the Provost Council and expect full implementation in Winter quarter. The committee is still working on forms C & E.

General Education: At our November 1st meeting, the General Education Committee discussed a starting point for revising the current proposal or generating a new proposal for the general education coursework.

The committee's November 14th meeting was canceled on lieu of plans for a meeting with President Gaudino, Charlotte Tullos and Sherer Holter on November 29 to discuss how General Education fits into current university plans.

CHAIR: Chair Bransdorfer thanked the Deans' for responding to the invitation to attend Faculty Senate meetings and hope they get something out of the meeting as well. Rodney thanked President Gaundino, Sherer Holter and Charlotte Tullos for speaking to the General Education committee. It was extremely fruitful having the President involved and hope we can get general education back on track. Rodney gave a brief report on several academic misconduct cases that have been brought forward the past year.

CHAIR-ELECT: No report

STUDENT REPORT: No report

NEW BUSINESS - None

Meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Exhibit A

| Committee | Name | Department | Term |
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| Academic Affairs Committee | | | |
| COB Member | Vacant | | 12/3/10-6/14/12 |
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| CAH Member | Vacant | | 12/3/10-6/14/12 |
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| General Education | | | |
| COB Member | Vacant | | 12/3/10 – 6/14/13 |
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| CEPS Member | John O'Neill | IET | 12/3/10 – 6/14/13 |
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